

THE PROPHECY OF SAMUEL
SEWALL.
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The gentleman looked, as the moonlight streamed in, interested at the speaker: "Another story with a lesson in it?" he said. "If it were not for keeping you out so late, I would ask you to do me the favor of telling it."

"Ay, sir," said Skipper George. "I said the were many lessons sent us. This one comes nearer to me again than the other. I hope I've learned something by that story! Fishermen don't heed night hours much; but it's late for you well, sir. Mubble 'e'd place to walk inside 'till bit" he asked, with modest urgency, "It's short story, only a heavy one!"

"I heard un, an' I didn't hear un; for I was away com' out upon the stormy waters wi' the poor young man. Oh, what a night it was! it's no use blowin' and bellowin' an' freezin', an' ice all along here to leeward!"

"Well, then, sir, about two hours o' night, there came a lull, and then there was a push or shake at the door, an' another—an' another—an' another—(so it was, we all thought,) and then the door banged open. 'Twas naething but cold blasta comin' in, an' then a lull agen for a second or two. So I shut to the doo'; an' the poor mother broke out acrynn, an' poor Milly fell over, an' slipped right down upon the hearthstone. We had a heavy time of it that night, sir; but when the door banged open that time,

"—They did n' find e'er an oor—whatever be com' of 'em but they found their poor gune an' the two orphans had their names cut, 'John Barbury,' an' 'George Barbury,' an' one of 'em had 'Pet-' for Peterport, an' couldn't cut no more, for cold an' death.

"There was three gune cut; an' one had 'James Barb-' that poor Maunsell must be cut, poor fellow, afore the deadly cold killed un. So the kind people that found the poor boys they thought James was a respectable young man, an' when they come to lay 'em out, in the school-house, (they were proper kind, sir,) they put a ruffle-shirt on him, o' linen.

"So, sir, the Minister comed over an' buried the dead. Four coffins were laid along the aisle."

should I live to see fifty more such stilt, from each of those successive sisters, I shall reckon upon receiving something that will be worth living for.

The New Year—for this young maiden was no less a personage—carried all her goods and chattels in a basket of no great size or weight, which hung upon her arm. She greeted the disconsolate Old Year with great affection, and sat down beside her on the steps of the City Hall, waiting for the signal to begin her rambles through the world. The two were own sisters, being both grand-daughters of Time; and though one looked so much older than the other, it was rather owing to hardships and trouble than to age, since there was but a twelve-month's difference between them.

After some conversation between the two Years

high legs, it comes straight at us, roaring, shaking its white mane with fury—it overtakes the vessel—the upright shiny face curves inward—the white mane seems to hang over our head; but ere it topples over the nimble ship has already slipped from underneath. We hear the disappointed jaws of the sea more snap angrily together; the schooner disdainfully kicks up her heels; raging and bubbling up either side the quarter, the unpausing sweeps on and you see its round back gather a gradually swelling upwards as it gathers strength and volume for a new effort."

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